

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/775,348	RODDY, CRAIG W.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	George Suchfield	3676

**All Participants:**

**Status of Application:** pending

(1) George Suchfield.

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(2) Corey Tumey.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 28 April 2006

**Time:** Eastern Daylight-Saving, p.m.

**Type of Interview:**

- Telephonic  
 Video Conference  
 Personal (Copy given to:  Applicant     Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:  Yes     No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

35 USC 102(b)

Claims discussed:

1 and 71-82

Prior art documents discussed:

Berke et al (6,648,962)

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant was invited to further amend claim 1, via an examiner's amendment, in order to patentably distinguish over Berke et al by positively reciting a drilling step(s), but no agreement was reached. Applicant further inquired whether the examiner could rewrite the newly submitted composition claims 71-82 into methods, but examiner indicated such beyond the scope of an examiner's amendment. The examiner suggested that claims to making a drilling fluid, per se, could be submitted in a divisional application, along with the presently non-elected composition claims..